

**County Council Meeting**  
**December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**Present:** Matt Knepper, Dave Kress, Steve Winsett, Jack Kroeger, Blake Bunner, Bill Spaetti, Attorney Wetherill, Auditor Lynam

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Spaetti at 5:30 P.M.

**Minutes**

Winsett said he had a correction, on the second page, next to the last paragraph, the motion to approve the Resolution paying a bill for Ice Miller; Bunner and Winsett did not abstain, they voted against the motion. Bunner made a motion to approve the November 20<sup>th</sup> minutes with that correction. Kroeger seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Sara Arnold-Mapping**

Arnold explained that she was asking for new mapping because it was last done in 2009 and the new Highway 231 wasn't finished at that time. She explained that the cost would be approximately \$39,000. Arnold was asking that it be paid for from the AK Steel Settlement Fund because the last time it was paid for from Reassessment and she didn't have extra money this time. The money from the AK Steel Settlement Fund is supposed to be used for the good of the county and everyone uses the mapping, schools, police, EMA, realtors, everybody so this would be a good use for it. It will be a year before delivery of the product, but the money has to be approved before the Commissioners can sign the contract. Winsett asked how much money was still in the AK Steel Settlement Fund. Lindsey answered that he wasn't sure, but he felt it was about \$900,000. Spaetti asked Wetherill if they agreed to take this money from the AK Steel Settlement Fund now and realize that there isn't enough money can we decide to take it from a different fund? Wetherill said that would not be a problem.

Kroeger made a motion to approve the funds for mapping to come from the AK Steel Settlement Fund depending on the approval of the Commissioners and the Redevelopment Commission. Knepper seconded the motion, motion passed.

**YCC Board-Ben Duttlinger & Tim Boyd**

Information was passed out by Lloyd so the Council could follow Duttlingers' presentation. Duttlinger explained that for a 1.2 million dollar building we feel we can comfortably borrow \$750,000., which would equal 1.5 million over 20 years plus interest. This interest rate is based off of a German American Bank quote of 4% on a three year ARM for 20 years. We would be looking at an annual mortgage payment of \$54,000.00 to \$55,000.00. We would like to do biannual payments of approximately \$27,000.00. We are hoping to come up with a \$450,000 down payment, we have so far acquired \$210,000 in donations, pledges, etc. this includes the \$120,000 from the AK Steel Settlement Funds that was approved by the Commissioners and Redevelopment Commission. We are asking for funding of a down payment of \$240,000 and annual funding of \$45,000 over 20 years. In assets we provide to the county now and in the future; Vendor City has been located there for 7 or 8 years already and are using it rent free including utilities, which equals approximately \$9,600 per year. Extension Office when it moves into our new building will equal approximately \$15,000 including utilities. We would be providing the County with \$24,600 worth of services annually with these two services, so the difference in what we provide to the county and their annual payment to us would be \$20,400. Spaetti said so what you basically are trying to find is an additional \$240,000 of commitments from somewhere plus \$45,000 every year for the next 20 years; this would be your wish list with this proposal. Lloyd responded that this was correct, the \$24,600 is what we feel like our assets are that we are providing to the county. Duttlinger and Lloyd explained the 2013 YCC Budget. Bunner asked if and when the Extension Office moves out, is there a benefit loss to the county because of the T-I connection that you have here at the courthouse. No one could answer that question. Kroeger said he didn't see anything that the YCC was contributing to this project. Lloyd said that the \$15,000 to \$20,000 ballpark figure would be what the YCC would be able to contribute to the project. They plan to continue with fund raisers and are working on other ideas to help out. Kroeger asked if they had a \$50,000 up front donation now, would that benefit them: maybe you could pare the cost down some because we need to do the best we can for the county as a whole. Lloyd said they would go back and try to get more information together, but they would like to have an answer sometime early next year. After much discussion the Council asked the YCC to come up with 3 or 4 different options to think about, using different amounts for the cost of the building.

**Phil Brown-Bicentennial Nature Trust Project**

Phil Brown assistant manager of Lincoln State Park made a presentation to the Council concerning a program started by Governor Daniels putting more land out there for the public. The Bicentennial Nature Trust is a one on one grant for land purchases. There is property on the southwest side of the park that is for sale at the asking price of \$549,000. The BNT plans to do donation drives to raise \$275,000; we would like to get county support so we can get this project approved by the BNT Commission. Spaetti asked if the state had an option on this ground, and Brown replied no because the state cannot enter into a contract with a land seller unless they have the full amount in the account. I would like to get your

support on the project because we have to come up with the \$275,000 to match the state grant. At this time all I need is a letter of support because I have until February 1<sup>st</sup> to get this project submitted. After much discussion Kroeger made a motion to have Wetherill draft a letter to support acquisition of the ground for the BNTF. We aren't committing any funds, just our support. Motion died from lack of a second. Bunner said he would like to see some numbers to see how we can offset the loss of the tax revenue. This will be put on the January agenda for further discussion.

#### Transfers

##### Election

Decrease election coding \$2,500.00

Increase election supplies \$2,500.00

Motion was made by Kroeger to approve the \$2,500 transfer. Bunner seconded the motion, motion passed.

##### Clerk

Decrease Postage \$3,030.96

Increase Computer Supplies ~~\$3,030.96~~

Decrease Repair of Equipment \$ 400.00

Increase Computer Supplies \$ 400.00

Decrease Travel \$ 195.97

Increase Computer Supplies \$ 195.97

Decrease Office Supplies \$ 449.00

Increase Office Furniture \$ 449.00

Kroger made a motion to approve all four transfers for the Clerk in the amount of \$4,075.93. Kress seconded the motion, vote was Kroeger, Kress, Knepper and Spaetti in favor and Bunner and Winsett against.

#### Legal Report

Wetherill welcomed Jim Seiler to the County Council and presented a Resolution of Appreciation and Respect for Charles Waninger as follows:

SPENCER COUNTY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION NO. 2012-14  
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION AND RESPECT

WHEREAS, Charles Waninger will be completing his term as Spencer County Councilman at the end of 2008, during which time he had faithfully attended and truly contributed to the meetings and deliberations of the Spencer County Council; and

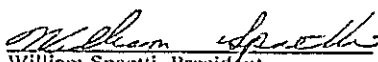
WHEREAS, Charles Waninger has always exhibited his sincere conviction that as a member of the County Council, his goal has been to remain a reasonable and conscientious voice for those he served and the county as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the Spencer County Council wishes to express their sincere appreciation of Charles Waninger years of dedicated service to the citizens of Spencer County, Indiana as a member of the Spencer County Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Spencer County Council, and for his numerous contributions to good government.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SPENCER COUNTY COUNCIL that the Spencer County Council expresses its respect and appreciation to Charles Waninger for his dedicated service to Spencer County government, and further expresses its gratitude for his faithful service to the citizens of Spencer County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be included in the minutes and reflected in the records of the Spencer County Council.

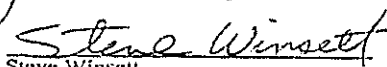
Adopted this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.


  
William Spaetti, President

  
David Kress

  
Jack N. Kroeger

  
Matthew Knepper

  
Steve Winsett

  
Blake Bunner

Attest:  
  
Jane Lynn, Spencer County Auditor

Spaetti said he wanted to add his personal thanks to Waninger for serving the county.  
Jeff Lindsey asked that the Council meet before the Redevelopment Commission on the first business day of the year. Bunner made a motion to do the Council reorganization on January 2, 2013 at 7:30 A.M.  
Winsett seconded the motion, motion approved.

**2013 Budget-Technical Correction Form 4**

Kroeger explained that there was a problem with the Form 4 that was originally submitted to the DLGF. In the Gateway System all the data was not carried forward, so what we approved was not what was advertised. It is not just this county; they have had numerous problems. Kroeger said he had spoken to the head of the budget department in the DLGF to let them know they needed to improve this section of Gateway. Form 4 is a summary page that brings together all the budgets that the Council approves. The form 4 information is all aggregated and put on this Form 4; there are three items on the Form 4; the budget, the levy and the tax rate that is supposed to include everything in the budget. The system computed the budget correctly, but then when it came to the levies it only included county general and when it computed the tax rates it only did county general. So the state is allowing us the opportunity to do a technical correction on the Form 4 to correct the levy and tax rates so we don't lose hardly anything. Wetherill explained there were no special advertising requirements for the technical correction over and above what we normally do for our regular meetings so the Council could act tonight.  
Winsett made a motion to approve the technical correction on the Form 4 that reflects the correct amount that the Council originally advertised. Kress seconded the motion, motion was approved.  
Winsett made a motion to adjourn, Bunner seconded the motion, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

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President

Attest:

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Auditor

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